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DEPT PASS USDOC FOR SECRETARY RICHARDSON

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SUBJ: RICHARDSON/MINIC CONVERSATION: TERRORISM

1. TERRORISM BY YUGOSLAV EMIGRES IN THE UNITED STATES WAS ONE ISSUE WHICH FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC RAISED WITH SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RICHARDSON WHEN THEY MET NOV 26 (OTHERS BEING REPORTED SEPTELS). MINIC SAID THAT HIS CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD CLEARED UP TENSIONS CAUSED BY THE SEPTEMBER TWA HIJACKING BY CROATIAN NATIONALISTS. NEVERTHELESS, MINIC SAID THAT APPROPRIATE YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES HAD ASKED HIM TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF AN EMIGRE CAMPAIGN PLANNED TO COINCIDE WITH THE TRIAL OF THE HIJACKERS. MINIC SAID THAT EMIGRE EXTREMISTS WANT TO USE THE TRIAL TO PROMOTE THEIR AIMS. THE GOY UNDERSTANDS THAT THEY HAVE COLLECTED CONSIDERABLE FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE. MINIC SAID THAT AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI HAD ALREADY SPOKEN WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

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2. MINIC SAID THAT IF SUCH A CAMPAIGN TAKES PLACE, IT

WILL HAVE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR U.S.-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. HE EXPRESSED HIS EXPECTATION THAT APPROPRIATE U.S. AUTHORITIES WILL PREVENT A REPETITION OF THE UNDESIRABLE TENSIONS CAUSED BY THE HIJACKING. HE REITERATED THE YUGOSLAV DESIRE FOR GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS AND SAID THAT, IF U.S. ADOPTS A SIMILAR ATTITUDE, WE CAN BE QUITE AT EASE CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF RELATIONS.

3. SECRETARY RICHARDSON REPLIED THAT THE USG APPRECIATES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TERRORIST ISSUE FOR OUR RELATIONS AND DEPLORES TERRORIST ACTS. HE AND AMBASSADOR REMINDED MINIC OF THE LEGAL LIMITATIONS WHICH THE USG FACES.

4. THIS CABLE HAS NOT BEEN CLEARED BY SECRETARY RICHARDSON. SILBERMAN

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